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CAST:

THE DOCTOR
MEL
THE CHIEF CARETAKER
DEPUTY CHIEF CARETAKER
BIN LINER
FIRE ESCAPE
BLUE KANG
PEX
MADDY
CARETAKERS
KANGS
CLEANERS

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SETS:

The Swimming Pool (Location)
Square
Street (One)
Street (Two)
The Caretakers' Headquarters
Headquarters of the Red Kangs
Basement of Paradise Towers
The Lift and Adjoining Area

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(REPRISE EXTRACT FROM EPISODE THREE)

SUPOSE CAM Titles:

1. INT. THE BASEMENT.

(AS THE CHIEF CARETAKER FALLS INTO THE ROOM, THE 'NO ENTRY' DOOR SHUTS BEHIND HIM AMIDST SMOKE AND ELECTRIC FLASHES.

THE DOCTOR AND
THE THREE KANGS
ARE STILL WATCHING
MESMERISED SOME
DISTANCE FROM
BOTH THE DOOR
AND THE SERVICE
LIFT.

SUDDENLY THE
'CLEANER'
WHO HAS PUSHED
THE CHIEF TURNS'
IN THE DOCTOR
AND THE THREE
KANGS' DIRECTION,
ITS CORKSCREW
BLADE WHIRRING.

IT IS QUICKLY JOINED BY ANOTHER 'CLEANER' ARMED WITH DANGEROUS LOOKING CLAWS.

THEY START MOVING TOWARDS THE DOCTOR AND THE KANGS)

BIN LINER: Ware Cleaners!

THE DOCTOR: Quick! To the lift.

BIN LINER: Wait, Doctor.

(THE KANGS RAISE THEIR CROSSBOWS.

THE THREE KANGS FIRE. THE ARROWS FLY TOWARDS THE 'CLEANERS'.

THEY STICK INTO THE 'CLEANERS' WHICH HAS THE EFFECT OF MAKING THEM STOP FOR A MOMENT)

BLUE KANG: Now!

(THEY ALL RUN TO THE SERVICE LIFT.

THE 'CLEANERS'
PULL OUT THE
ARROWS WITH THEIR
CLAWS AND START
UP AGAIN.

BUT THEY REACH THE LIFT DOOR JUST AS IT SHUTS AND THEY ARE LEFT BEHIND.

MEANWHILE OMINOUS NOISES COME FROM BEHIND THE CLOSED DOOR)

2. INT. SWIMMING POOL. (LOCATION)

(SOFT MUZAK.
BRIGHT LIGHTS.

MEL AND PEX ARE ADVANCING INTO THE SWIMMING POOL STARING ABOUT THEM AS THEY DO SO.

PEX IS DISTINCTLY NERVOUS)

MEL: (ELATED) I just don't believe it, I really don't. And look, there it is.

(THE SWIMMING
POOL IS FINALLY
SEEN. IT IS A
LAVISH INDOOR
POOL WITH
POTTED PLANTS,
POOLSIDE
LOUNGERS AND
GLEAMING TILES.

IT IS ALL SPOTLESS AND COMPLETELY EMPTY)

It's just the sort of pool I've dreamed about. Why don't the residents of the Towers ever use it, Pex?

PEX: It's the home of the unalive. We should not be here.

MEL: I think that's all nonsense.

Don't you think it's wonderful to be somewhere calm and clean and relaxing.

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3. INT. SQUARE.

(THE KANGS ARE RUSHING ACROSS BUT THE DOCTOR IS STARTING TO LAG BEHIND)

THE DOCTOR: Just a moment! Could we stop please! The immediate danger's over and I wouldn't mind getting my breath back.

BLUE KANG: (ADMIRINGLY) The Doctor really is icehot. Not a yawny oldster.

THE DOCTOR: (TO BLUE KANG) You understand now the danger we are all in. We should gather all the Kangs together.

(THE BLUE KANG NODS)

FIRE ESCAPE: (WONDERINGLY) And is the Chief Caretaker unalive?

THE DOCTOR: As himself yes. But you saw what happened. Up to now Kroagnon has been simply a mind without a body as your parents must have left him. (cont ...)

THE DOCTOR: (cont) However, I fear he may have spent his time down there devising a means to perform corpoelectroscopy - a way of transplanting his brilliant brain into some host body.

BIN LINER: And what's the comeout, Doctor?

THE DOCTOR: I can't be sure. But Kroagnon won't choose to stay shut up in his Basement much longer. He's bound to show himself - in one form or another.

4. INT. BASEMENT.

(MUCH ROARING.
THE 'NO ENTRY'
DOOR BURSTS
NOISILY OPEN.
OUT COMES THE
CHIEF CARETAKER
BUT THE CHIEF
CARETAKER
TRANSFORMED
INTO A ZOMBIELIKE BODY FOR
THE GREAT
ARCHITECT.

HIS FACE IS PALE AND STRANGELY COLOURED, HIS MOVEMENTS MORE ROBOTIC AND HIS VOICE MORE MECHANICAL AND MUCH MUCH SOFTER THAN BEFORE.

HIS THREADBARE
UNIFORM, HOWEVER,
IS NOW GLISTENING
AND NEW. (THE
CHARACTER IS
STILL DESCRIBED
HERE AS 'CHIEF').

THE FANG-LIKE PLUG WITH ITS WIRE IS STILL ATTACHED TO HIS NECK.

HE ADVANCES A FEW STEPS)

CHIEF: Attention all Robotic
Cleaners ... Attention all Robotic
Cleaners ...

(THE 'CLEANERS'
GATHER TO LISTEN
TO HIM. HE
TRIUMPHANTLY
PULLS THE PLUG
FROM HIS NECK
AS THEY ASSEMBLE)

(SOFTLY) At last Kroagnon can leave the basement prison they trapped his bodyless brain in and return in this borrowed body to the corridors and lifts of his own creation (GROWING IN POWER) Paradise Towers has become filthy, crumbling and broken-down, a disgrace to me, the Great Architect who built it. And who is responsible for this disgusting mess? People are responsible, that is who. Dirty, untidy creatures of flesh and blood who should never have been allowed to pollute this beautiful environment. They buried me away because I wanted to stop them using the Towers. And now it is your job to destroy them. All of them!

(HOLD ON HIS CRAZED FACE)

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5. INT. SWIMMING POOL.

(MUZAK. PEX IS PERCHED ON THE LOUNGER STARING INTO THE POOL.

MEL IS SWIMMING ABOUT IN THE POOL) ep. 4

MEL: Mmm, the water's lovely. You really ought to come and join me, Pex. It'd do you the world of good and there's absolutely nothing to be frightened of. Look.

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(SUDDENLY A HUGE METALLIC CLEANER-STYLE CLAW COMES UP IN THE POOL BEHIND HER AND GRABS HER. IT BELONGS ALONG WITH THE PERISCOPE TO A UNDERWATER 'CLEANER' PLANTED IN THE POOL.

MEL STARTS TO SCREAM AND STRUGGLE IN THE WATER.

PEX WATCHES HELPLESSLY FROM THE SIDE)

6. INT. RED KANGS HEADQUARTERS.

(THE DOCTOR IS STANDING BY BIN LINER WHO IS ON THE DRINKS MACHINE PHONE.

OTHER KANGS, RED AND BLUE, ARE PREPARING WEAPONS, CHECKING PLANS ETC.)

BIN LINER: Fire Escape says Cleaners are on Floor twenty-three now in force full.

THE DOCTOR: He's taking over the Towers floor by floor.

BIN LINER: (ON PHONE) Return to Red Kang base and Ware Cleaners. Build High for Happiness.

(SHE PUTS THE PHONE DOWN)

THE DOCTOR: Fire Escape is coming to join us?

(BIN LINER NODS)

Are all Kangs here, Blue and Red?

BLUE KANG: Yes. But for -

THE DOCTOR: (KINDLY) Those who are already unalive?

BLUE KANG: (NODDING) Yes.

THE DOCTOR: Then when Fire Escape returns, we must all make for the great pool in the sky.

BIN LINER: (SHAKING HER HEAD) No ball games. No fly posts. No visitors to the pool in the sky.

THE DOCTOR: (GENTLY) Bin Liner, listen. You've got to forget your old fears. We need time to think and plan. The Cleaners could be here in no time at all at the rate they're going. The pool in the sky is the only place we can go.

(BIN LINER AND BLUE KANG LOOK HESITANT)

Mel will be there. We will be safe.

7. INT. SWIMMING POOL.

(MEL IS STILL IN THE WATER FRANTICALLY STRUGGLING WITH THE UNDERWATER 'CLEANER'.

PEX STANDS
PANICKING
INEFFECTUALLY
ON THE SIDE IN
THE MANNER OF
HEROINES IN
ACTION MOVIES)

MEL: Help, Pex, help. Do something.

PEX: What shall I do?

MEL: Anything.

(PEX IS THOUGHTFUL FOR A MOMENT.

THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES IN THE WATER, THEN:)

PEX: Help! Help!

MEL: can't you think of anything
 (cont ...)

(MEL HAS MANAGED
TO GET HERSELF BACK
TOWARDS THE
STEPS WITH THE
CREATURE'S CLAWS
STILL SNAPPING
AWAY AROUND HER)

MEL: (cont) Quick! Give me that!

(SHE POINTS TO THE GUN THAT PEX HAS BEEN CARRYING THROUGH THE STORY WITHOUT EVER USING.

SHE EDGES HERSELF STILL NEARER THE STEPS)

Come on!

(RELUCTANTLY PEX EDGES NEAR THE CREATURE IN ORDER TO HAND HER THE GUN.

MEL GRABS IT AND STARTS TO HIT THE CREATURE WITH IT.

IT DRAWS BACK ENOUGH FOR HER TO MAKE IT OUT OF THE POOL.

SHE THEN AIMS THE GUN AND PREPARES TO FIRE IT.

PEX PUTS HIS FINGERS TO HIS EARS.

MEL FIRES. THE GUN GOES OFF AND WITH A HISS THE MECHANICAL CREATURE SINKS BACK INTO THE WATER.

MEL BREATHES A SIGH OF RELIEF.

PEX UNBLOCKS HIS EARS AND STARES DOWN INTO THE WATER)

PEX: I did warn you.

MEL: (NODDING WEARILY) I know. (PAUSE) Somebody somewhere doesn't like the idea of people enjoying a nice quiet dip in the pool, do they?

8. INT. CARETAKERS' HEADQUARTERS.

(A WORRIED-LOOKING DEPUTY CHIEF IS AT THE CHIEF'S INTERCOM)

DEPUTY: Chief ... Chief ...

(HE SHAKES HIS
HEAD DESPAIRINGLY
THEN MAKES A
MOMENTOUS DECISION.
HE SPEAKS INTO
THE INTERCOM AGAIN)

Attention all Caretakers. Emergency Regulation ZZZ is now in operation. This over-rides all other rules and regulations. Repeat. This over-rides all other rules and regulations. All Caretakers are to act with extreme caution and get back here as fast as they can. (PANIC STARTS TO BREAK) As fast as they can!

9. INT. STREET.

(A CARETAKER IS WALKING ALONG. HE STOPS AS HE SEES AHEAD TWO 'CLEANERS' SPRAYING OUT EVIL-LOOKING SMOKE.

HE IS ABOUT TO TURN WHEN A VOICE STOPS HIM)

CHIEF: No, no, Caretaker 49 stroke 7 subsection five, don't go away. Orders is orders and your Chief wants you to stay.

(WE MOVE CLOSER
TO THE 'CLEANERS'
AND BEHIND THEM
THE ZOMBIFIED
'CHIEF' APPEARS,
GLIMPSED THROUGH
THEIR EVIL SMOKE)

After all, we all have a duty to make sure Paradise Towers is made thoroughly clean, don't we?

(HE SMILES AS ONLY A ZOMBIE CAN)

10. INT. SWIMMING POOL.

(MEL BACK IN
HER ORDINARY
CLOTHES IS
LYING EXHAUSTED
ON A LOUNGER,
PEX'S WEAPON
BY HER SIDE.

PEX PACES ANXIOUSLY.

SOFT MUZAK AS BEFORE)

MEL: Pex -

PEX: What?

MEL: I'm sorry. I do understand now why people don't dare to come here. You were right.

PEX: Do we have to stay then?

 $\underline{\text{MEL:}}$ Till the Doctor arrives at least. You may as well sit down and enjoy the music.

(A RUSTLING SOUND COMES FROM ONE OF THE CUBICLES)

What's that?

PEX: (NERVOUSLY) Where?

MEL: There's a rustling sound coming from over there.

PEX: I only checked it a few
minutes ago.

MEL: Shall I go?

PEX: If you want.

(MEL GETS UP WEARILY AND WALKS TOWARDS THE CUBICLE.

THE CURTAIN ON THE CUBICLE RUSTLES MORE OBVIOUSLY.

SHE GETS CLOSER.
RUSTLING CONTINUES.

FINALLY SHE GETS UP HER COURAGE TO PULL BACK THE CURTAIN.

THERE IS NOTHING INSIDE THE CUBICLE.

SHE CLOSES THE CURTAIN AGAIN WITH A SIGH OF RELIEF)

(EDGING CLOSER) Nothing there?

MEL: No.

PEX: Sure?

MEL: Of course. Take a look
yourself if you like. (cont ...)

(MEL PULLS BACK THE CURTAIN AGAIN - REVEALING A BEAMING DOCTOR STANDING THERE IN THE CUBICLE.

MEL AND PEX STARE OPEN-MOUTHED)

MEL: (cont) Doctor!

THE DOCTOR: Sorry to give you such a shock, Mel.

(POINTING TO WALL OR FLOOR AS APPROPRIATE)

But this is where the Cleaners' service lift appears to come up.

(HE STEPS OUT OF THE CUBICLE AND DRAWS THE CURTAIN)

MEL: (HUGGING HIM) Oh, Doctor, it's so good to see you.

THE DOCTOR: And you, Mel. By the way, I believe you've met my friends before.

(HE DRAWS BACK THE CURTAIN AGAIN AND THERE ARE BIN LINER, FIRE ESCAPE AND THE BLUE KANG)

11. INT. STAIRCASE INTO LIFT AREA.

(A CARETAKER
RUNS FRANTICALLY
DOWN THE STAIRS
AND COLLAPSES
COUGHING IN THE
LIFT APPROACH
AREA.

THE 'CLEANERS'
APPEAR BEHIND
HIM SPRAYING
FUMES.

THE 'CHIEF'
BRINGING UP THE
REAR PICKS HIS
WAY OVER THE
COLLAPSED
CARETAKER,
PAUSING TO
LOOK DOWN)

CHIEF: We'll be back to collect the rubbish later.

(HE MOVES ON MUTTERING HALF TO HIMSELF:)

Search hard, my Cleaners. Bring them all out, all the nasty human beings. Caretakers, Residents, Kangs, all of them...

(HE FOLLOWS
THE 'CLEANERS'
DOWN THE STREET)

12. INT. SWIMMING POOL.

(MEL AND THE DOCTOR ARE SEATED TALKING.

THE KANGS ARE
A SHORT WAY
AWAY RESTING
AND OCCASIONALLY
STARING AT PEX,
WHO IS FEELING
SLIGHTLY OUT
OF IT)

THE DOCTOR: I'm very sorry you haven't got your swim, Mel.

MEL: It's not your fault, Doctor.

THE DOCTOR: But you've not had any trouble since ... since ... (HE INDICATES THE WATER)

MEL: No, I - we - finally shot whatever it was and the pool's been quiet since. But imagine building this beautiful pool and then filling it with mechanical killers. Shows rather a warped sense of humour, it seems to me.

THE DOCTOR: Very characteristic of the Great Architect, I'm afraid. The whole of the Towers would have been like this pool if he'd had his way.

MEL: And you're sure Kroagnon's been let loose again?

THE DOCTOR: Very much so. Thanks mainly to the Chief Caretaker. But we know so little about his plans. That's what so worrying. He's had years to brood over what he wants to do. We've no time at all to come up with a counterplan.

(THEY CARRY ON TALKING BUT WE MOVE TO WHERE THE KANGS HAVE TURNED THEIR ATTENTION TO PEX)

BIN LINER: How scaredy cat, Pex, then?

(PEX DOES NOT REPLY)

FIRE ESCAPE: Did Mel make the creature unalive for you?

BLUE KANG: And stop you being taken to the Cleaners?

(PEX NODS RELUCTANTLY)

FIRE ESCAPE: Then Mel <u>is</u> a Kang after all.

PEX: I did my bit. (PAUSE) I'm Pex. I'll show you all yet. I will put the world of Paradise Towers to rights.

BIN LINER: Oh yes?

PEX: Yes.

BIN LINER: How'll you do it?

PEX: (LAMELY) You'll see.

FIRE ESCAPE: (SHAKING HER HEAD)
No, we won't. You're a cowardly
cutlet, Pex. When the in-betweens
went to fight, you hid. You'll
always hide. Always.

(MEL BECOMES AWARE OF WHAT'S GOING ON)

MEL: They shouldn't treat him that.

THE DOCTOR: (BROODING OVER THE IMPLICATIONS) It's the problem of Paradise Towers in a nutshell, I'm afraid. The Blue Kangs didn't trust the Red Kangs. None of them trust the Caretakers. The Rezzies, from your account, prey on whoever they can and trust no-one either. And all of them despise poor old Pex. The Great Architect must be delighted. (HE SIGHS) How ever are we going to unite all the people of Paradise Towers to defeat him?

MEL: We'll find a way. We have to.

(THE KANGS START LAUGHING MOCKINGLY AND PEX GETS UP AND WALKS AWAY TOWARDS THE EXIT FROM THE POOL)

KANGS: (CHANTING) He's a cowardly
cutlet, he's a cowardly cutlet ...

MEL: Pex, don't go ... Pex ...

(BUT PEX HAS SUDDENLY STOPPED HALF WAY TO THE EXIT. HE STARES AHEAD OF HIM DISBELIEVINGLY.

THE OTHERS ALSO ALL LOOK TOWARDS THE EXIT AND ARE SURPRISED BY WHAT THEY SEE.

THERE STANDING
IN THE ENTRANCE
TO THE POOL IS
MADDY, THE
REZZIE, LOOKING
RATHER SELFCONSCIOUS)

MADDY: I - that is we, the Rezzies - the remaining Rezzies that is - wanted to talk to you all. I think - I think we may need your help.

(HOPE STARTS TO APPEAR IN THE DOCTOR'S FACE)



13. INT. CARETAKERS' HEADQUARTERS.

(THE DEPUTY IS IN THE CHIEF'S SEAT CLOSE TO DESPAIR.

THE DOOR SLIDES OPEN BEHIND HIM.

HE RISES TO HIS FEET.

IN THE DOOR STANDS THE 'CHIEF', WITH A COUPLE OF CLEANERS BEHIND HIM.

THE DOOR REMAINS OPEN)

DEPUTY: Why, Chief, I thought you
were lost. I -

(HE STOPS IN SOME CONFUSION AS THE 'CHIEF' LURCHES IN)

CHIEF: The Towers have become
appallingly dirty.

DEPUTY: Sorry, Chief.

CHIEF:

The whole place is polluted with flesh. Living flesh.

I have come here to take charge of operations.

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DEPUTY: Flesh? (WEAKLY) You
did say, living flesh?

CHIEF: Oh yes.

DEPUTY: But, Chief -

CHIEF: I believe, Deputy Chief, there is a rule book and the rule book says that the orders of the Chief Caretaker are never to be questioned.

DEPUTY: Of course, Chief, unless ...

CHIEF: (DANGEROUSLY) Unless ...

(THE DEPUTY CHIEF TAKES A GOOD LOOK AT THE 'CHIEF'S' CRAZED FACE AND STARTS TO EDGE HIS WAY TOWARDS THE DOOR)

<u>DEPUTY:</u> Well, Chief, I think you may recall that there are certain cases specified when the Rule Book can be overridden. And that's when the Chief Caretaker

(HE IS AT THE DOOR)

CHIEF: Yes?

DEPUTY: Just isn't the Chief
Caretaker...

(THE DEPUTY DISAPPEARS THROUGH THE DOOR AS HE SPEAKS.

THE 'CLEANERS'
TURN QUICKLY
TO FOLLOW)

CHIEF: No, no, leave him, leave him.

(HE HEAVES HIMSELF INTO HIS OLD CHAIR)

We'll clean him up when we clean up all the others.

14. INT. SWIMMING POOL.

(MADDY, THE REZZIE, IS HOLDING FORTH)

MADDY: The Cleaners have reached to about Floor one hundred and fifteen now. All the Rezzies who can have moved up to Higher floors but not everyone was quick enough.

THE DOCTOR: And you're sure that the person ordering the Cleaners to do this looked like the Chief Caretaker?

(MADDY NODS)

BIN LINER: But he's unalive, Doctor, we saw it.

THE DOCTOR: Exactly. So the Great Architect has made use of his body.

MEL: You mean, it may look like the Chief Caretaker but there's no way it's him inside?

THE DOCTOR: Precisely. At least we all know what we're looking for now.

(FIRE ESCAPE FIERCELY, POINTING TO MADDY)

FIRE ESCAPE: Why should we believe her? Rezzies are full of untruth - and Kangs.

(THE OTHER KANGS AGREE)

THE DOCTOR: Wait, wait just a moment. Fire escape, Bin Liner -

(THE KANGS QUIETEN DOWN.

THE DOCTOR TURNS TO MADDY)

MADDY: Of course, I know that we Residents have not always been as neighbourly as we might have been. But some have been worse than others and the worst have gone. Down the waste disposal chute. But those of us who are left want to let bygones be bygones. We're all in danger now and, well, we're very sorry for what we did. And we won't do it again. If we all survive that is. (PAUSE) We need each other's help.

THE DOCTOR: Well, you Kangs, what do you say to that? I've wasted my time telling you about the different ways of the rest of the Universe if you can't make an effort now.

(PAUSE)

BIN LINER: I won't say Rezzies are icehot but yet, she's not telling untruths and yes, we'll help each other.

THE DOCTOR: Is that agreed?

(OTHER KANGS NOD)

THE DOCTOR: Pex?

FIRE ESCAPE: Don't ask him. He's a cowardly cutlet.

THE DOCTOR: Now, Fire Escape. Pex?

(PEX NODS)

FIRE ESCAPE: We work with Pex, no to-do, we work with Rezzies, no to-do, but the Caretakers -

KANGS: Never ever.

(A NERVOUS CLEARING OF THROAT STOPS THEIR CONVERSATION.

EVERYONE LOOKS TOWARDS THE NEWCOMER.

IT IS THE DEPUTY CHIEF)

DEPUTY: Excuse me, I'm sorry to
intrude like this but I wondered
if I might have a word with you all?

15. INT. CARETAKER'S HEADQUARTERS.

(THE 'CHIEF' HAS A CROSS-SECTION PLAN OF THE TOWERS AND HE IS CROSSING OFF FLOORS ON IT WITH A RED PEN.

'CLEANERS' IN ATTENDANCE)

CHIEF: One hundred and sixteen,
one hundred and seventeen ...

(HE PAUSES AND CONTEMPLATES THE PLAN)

All the messy creatures are moving up to the swimming pool on Floor 304. Luckily, they won't have time to make it too untidy before I destroy them.

(HE LOOKS TOWARDS
THE DOOR THOUGHTFULLY)

The Chief Caretaker babbles something about a stranger here. A doctor Somebody whom the buffoon had dared to mistake for me. I should like to know what he's doing here. Curiosity only of course.

(PAUSE.

A ZOMBIE-LIKE SMILE)

I have nothing to fear. Nobody will ever know my Paradise Towers as well as I do.

15a.INT. SWIMMING POOL.

(THE DOCTOR IS ADDRESSING THE ASSEMBLED CREW)

THE DOCTOR: We don't have very much time and we must think clearly. Kroagnon as we must now call him is firmly installed in your Headquarters. Am I right, Deputy Chief.

DEPUTY: Yes, Doctor.

THE DOCTOR: So we must find a way to get him out again.

BIN LINER: Set a trap for him.

THE DOCTOR: Precisely.

MADDY: We used to do that a lot with the rats.

(MEL DECIDING TO IGNORE THIS)

MEL: But what about the Cleaners?

THE DOCTOR: We must immobilise as many of them as we can first. Although once Kroagnon is defeated they will present no real danger, at the moment they are very dangerous indeed.

DEPUTY: Doctor -

THE DOCTOR: Yes, Deputy Chief?

<u>DEPUTY:</u> It goes against the Rule Book to say this but I suppose these are exceptional circumstances.

THE DOCTOR: (DRILY) They might be described that way, yes.

<u>DEPUTY:</u> Well, on the 245th floor Sodium Street corridor 75, there is a Secret Emergency Supply kept in case of pests getting out of control -

MEL: An Emergency supply of what?

DEPUTY: Explosive.

FIRE ESCAPE: Icehot!

BIN LINER: With explosive on our arrowguns, we could blow up the Cleaners no problem.

<u>BLUE KANG:</u> Send the Cleaners to the Cleaners!

MADDY: And most of the Rezzies knit - great rolls of the stuff. We could throw them over the Cleaners to slow them down for you to shoot.

FIRE ESCAPE: Ice hot, Maddy!

(THE KANGS RESPOND ENTHUSIASTICALLY)

THE DOCTOR: At last we seem to be getting somewhere.

(ONLY PEX IS LOOKING OUT OF IT)



15b. INT. CARETAKER'S HEADQUARTERS.

(VIDEO SCREENS SHOW CLEANERS PROCEEDING DOWN VARIOUS CORRIDORS SPRAYING.

THE 'CHIEF' IS WATCHING AND CROSSING OFF FLOORS ON HIS PLAN)

CHIEF: One hundred and eighteen
... one hundred and nineteen ...

(HE PAUSES)

Time to see what the human garbage is up to in the Swimming Pool Zone.

(HE PRESSES VARIOUS BUTTONS. THE SCREENS ALL GO BLANK.

THEN A RECORDED VOICE (THE GREAT ARCHITECT'S OWN) SPEAKS)

VOICE: 'By express order of the Great Architect, Surveillance of the Swimming Pool is not allowed'.

(THE 'CHIEF' GIVES A HISS OF DISAPPOINTMENT)

16. INT. SWIMMING POOL.

(A BABBLE OF EXCITED VOICES.

THE DOCTOR TRYING TO CALM THEM)

THE DOCTOR: Please, please. We have to move on to the main problem. How to persuade Kroagnon to leave his safety and visit a place of our choosing where we can trap and destroy him.

<u>DEPUTY:</u> He'll never leave there until we are all wiped out. And we'll never manage to break in. I should know.

THE DOCTOR: There is one way I can think of which might work.

FIRE ESCAPE: What's that, Doctor?

THE DOCTOR: Kroagnon is undoubtedly a very clever and very proud being.

And, like many clever and proud beings, Kroagnon likes to be appreciated by his equals. Even better if after they have appreciated his cleverness, they can be outwitted and destroyed. I think if he had the chance of meeting such a person, he'd leave his lair to meet them. Particularly if he was curious to find out their precise identity.

MEL: Doctor, you're not going to -

THE DOCTOR: There's no choice, Mel. In all honesty, I think I am the only obvious candidate.

MEL: You'll go out and show yourself
and get killed?

THE DOCTOR: No, no. That would be extremely futile. I will allow myself to be seen. And then somebody will go to Kroagnon and offer to lead him to me. Straight into our little trap. That person has a far more difficult and dangerous mission than I do. Given Kroagnon's personality and ruthlessness.

(PAUSE AS EVERYONE TAKES THIS IN.

THEN PEX STEPS FORWARD)

PEX: I will go to Kroagnon. I am
Pex and I am -

FIRE ESCAPE: A cowardly cutlet.

(THE KANGS ALL LAUGH)

PEX: (ANGRILY) You all have tasks to do. Caretakers. Residents. Kangs. Why should only Pex be left out. Pex the trained fighting machine, Pex the -

BIN LINER: The scaredy cat.

(ALL ARE LAUGHING NOW EXCEPT THE DOCTOR AND MEL) $\underline{\text{MEL:}}$ Are you sure you want to do this, Pex?

PEX: Yes, I am.

(HE HOLDS HER GAZE AND THE REST GROW QUIETER)

THE DOCTOR: (QUIETLY) So be it then.

17. INT. CARETAKER'S HEADQUARTERS.

(THE 'CHIEF' IS IN HIS CHAIR WITH A COUPLE MORE FLOORS CROSSED OFF ON HIS PLAN BY THE RED PEN.

THE CLEANERS'
ACTIVITIES ARE STILL
VISIBLE ON THE
SCREENS.

SUDDENLY THE CENTRAL SCREEN IS AGAIN BLANKED OUT.

AND THEN THE DOCTOR'S FACE APPEARS.

THE 'CHIEF' TURNS AND STARES)

THE DOCTOR: Hello there, Kroagnon. This is the Doctor speaking. I don't believe we've met though no doubt you'll have heard of me.

(THE 'CHIEF' GRUNTS SAVAGELY)

I thought so. Anyway. I'd heard so much about Paradise Towers that I thought I'd come and take a look. Because it was supposed to be something special. And I must say, I'm very disappointed. It all displays exactly what everybody says is your usual failing as an architect. You don't make any allowances for people actually having to live in these places. Still, I'm sure if we all manage to work together, we might manage to make this place just about habitable. I've got a few suggestions that I could give you if you could be bothered to listen. Bye for now.

(THE 'CHIEF' HAS BEEN STARING AT THE SCREEN IN TOTAL FURY.

HIS STARE BECOMES MORE INTENSE STILL.

THE DOCTOR'S VOICE AND IMAGE NOW START TO FADE AWAY.

THE 'CHIEF' REACHES FOR HIS RED PEN AND SCRIBBLES VIOLENTLY OVER THE FADING IMAGE OF THE DOCTOR) ep.4

18/19 INT. APPROACH TO LIFT.

(ONE OF THE 'CLEANERS' IS APPROACHING THE LIFT.

MADDY, THE REZZIE, STEPS OUT AND STOPS IT)

MADDY: Excuse me, excuse me -

(THE CLEANER STOPS)

I hope you don't mind my mentioning it but I think you've missed some rubbish in the street back there.

(SHE POINTS BEHIND THE CLEANER.

PAUSE,

THE CLEANER SLOWLY TURNS.

AS IT DOES SO, MADDY PULLS OUT A PILE OF KNITTING AND THROWS IT OVER THE CLEANER.

SHE THEN BECKONS AS IT STRUGGLES AND A BLUE KANG APPEARS FROM HIDING, CROSSBOW IN HAND.

THE KANG FIRES A
LOADED ARROW AT THE
CLEANER. IT STICKS IN
THE METAL OF THE
ROBOT. AND A FEW
SECONDS LATER THE
CLEANER EXPLODES)

20. INT. RED KANGS' HEADQUARTERS.

(PEX IS BEING
GIVEN A FINAL
BRIEFING BY
MEL AND THE DOCTOR.
BEHIND THEM
BIN LINER AND
THE KANGS ARE
LOADING BLOCKS
OF EXPLOSIVE
INTO STRATEGIC
PLACES)

THE DOCTOR: You're clear what you have to do, Pex?

(PEX NODS)

MEL: And you are sure you want to go through with it?

PEX: I won't be unbrave again.

THE DOCTOR: The main thing to remember is to get him out of the Caretakers' Headquarters as soon as possible so he doesn't see what is happening to the Cleaners. But once he's out, you must take as long as you can.

(HE GESTURES TOWARDS THE BUSY KANGS)

Preparing all this is difficult and dangerous work and we need as much time as you can gain us. No heroics just a clear, calm head.

PEX: I can manage.

THE DOCTOR: Good luck, Pex.

(THEY SHAKE HANDS)

MEL: I've been asked to give you this, Pex.

(SHE FASTENS A BRACELET ROUND HIS WRIST)

It's a Kang bracelet. They wanted to give it to you. They think you're not a scaredy cat any longer but a real Kang. Good luck, Pex.

(SHE KISSES A RATHER EMBARRASSED PEX.

BIN LINER COMES
UP WITH A PACKAGE)

BIN LINER: And take this, Pex.

PEX: What is it?

BIN LINER: (POINTING TO EXPLOSIVE) Some of that. To use. If all else is no go.

(PEX TAKES IT
AND PUTS IT UNDER
HIS BELT. HE
HANDS HIS WEAPON
TO BIN LINER, HIS
FACE IMPASSIVE)

PEX: And you take this. Bin Liner.
I can't use it this time.

21. INT. THE SQUARE.

(A 'CLEANER' ENTERS THE SQUARE PULLING ITS CART.

THE SQUARE APPEARS EMPTY.

SUDDENLY ONE ARROW HITS ITS CART AND ANOTHER ITS BODY.

A FEW SECONDS LATER IT EXPLODES.

LOUD CHEERS AS CARETAKERS AND KANGS EMERGE FROM HIDING)

22. INT. CARETAKERS' HEADQUARTERS.

(THE 'CHIEF' IS TALKING TO PEX WHOSE FACE IS ON THE VIDEO SCREEN)

CHIEF: You say you could lead me to this so-called Doctor who dared to mock me?

PEX: (CONTROLLING HIS NERVOUSNESS)
Yes. He and the other remaining er
mobile rubbish have found a place to
hide which they think you don't know
about. And they're there planning
ways of resistance.

CHIEF: And why should you help
Kroagnon?

(PEX, AS IF REPEATING A LESSON)

PEX: I don't belong with the others here. I know you're going to win. All I ask is that you promise me a safe way out of the Towers when the others are destroyed.

(A ZOMBIE-LIKE SMILE FROM THE 'CHIEF')

CHIEF: Of course if you deliver me this Doctor, I'll give you a safe way out.

23. INT. KANGS' HEADQUARTERS.

(MEL IS REPORTING TO THE DOCTOR AS OTHERS WORK ROUND THEM)

MEL: The door's nearly back in place anyway. But they're having a problem with the fortimoloscope opening device.

THE DOCTOR: I'd better give them a hand. See what you can do to help the Kangs down here, Mel. And don't forget to leave the secret escape door uncovered so that I can make my exit.

(HE STARTS TO LEAVE FOR THE DOOR BUT TURNS BACK THOUGHTFULLY)

I just hope Pex keeps his nerve and doesn't hurry. Otherwise it won't be Kroagnon who's caught in a booby trap. It'll be us.

24. INT. SQUARE.

(PEX AND THE 'CHIEF' ARE MAKING THEIR WAY ACROSS THE SQUARE.

BEHIND THEM COME A COUPLE OF 'CLEANERS'.

PEX IS SWEATING AND STARTING TO LOOK FRIGHTENED.

FROM A DIFFERENT ANGLE WE SEE KANGS WATCHING THEM AS THEY GO.

THEIR CROSSBOWS
ARE LOADED AND AIMED
AT THE CLEANERS WHO
BLOCK ANY SHOTS
THEY MIGHT GET AT THE
'CHIEF'.

PEX IS SWEATING STILL MORE)

CHIEF: (AS THEY WALK) This is not
some trick, is it?

PEX: (AGITATED) No ... no ...

CHIEF: I've only just started to be able to enjoy walking round my marvellous Towers in this body and I wouldn't deal very kindly with anybody who's stupid enough to try and lay some trap for me. (cont...)

(THE 'CHIEFS' EYES LOOK DANGEROUS AND, IF POSSIBLE, LIKE THOSE OF THE MECHANICAL MACHINE IN THE BASEMENT.

PEX GULPS)

CHIEF: (cont) Not scared are you?

PEX: (STARTING TO PANIC) I think ... I think we ought to hurry, Great Architect. Please - let's hurry.

(THE 'CHIEF' EYES HIM CURIOUSLY)

CHIEF: Very well.

(THEY INCREASE THEIR PACE OUT OF THE SQUARE.

WE STAY WITH THE KANGS, WHO WATCH THEIR SPEEDY DEPARTURE WITH ALARM.

ONE OF THEM THE BLUE KANG LEADER, PICKS UP A KANG TELEPHONE)

25. INT. STREET.

(THE DOCTOR IS EXAMINING THE NEARLY FINISHED DOOR WITH THE DEPUTY AND FIRE ESCAPE)

26. INT. RED KANGS' HEADQUARTERS.

(THE ROOM IS STACKED WITH EXPLOSIVES WITH TRIP WIRES OR WHATEVER IN PLACE.

MOST OF THE KANGS ARE GONE.

BIN LINER IS ON THE TELEPHONE.

MEL WATCHES.

BIN LINER PUTS DOWN THE TELEPHONE GRIM-FACED)

MEL: What's happened?

BIN LINER: They're making all speed here.

MEL: What?

BIN LINER: Pex has been a scaredy cat. They'll be here in no time.

(MEL RUSHES TO THE ENTRANCE AND STARTS TO CALL UP)

MEL: Doctor! Doctor!

BIN LINER: (STOPPING HER) No, all is ready here and we must take the escape way. Shouting will only bring the Cleaners.

(MEL RELUCTANTLY ALLOWS HERSELF TO BE LED AWAY)

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27. INT. STREET. (AS IN SCENE 25)

(THE DOCTOR IS PUTTING THE FINISHING TOUCHES TO THE DOOR)

THE DOCTOR: That should do it.

DEPUTY: Doctor -

(THE DOCTOR, DEPUTY AND FIRE ESCAPE LOOK UP THE STREET.

AT THE END OF IT THEY SEE PEX AND THE 'CHIEF' APPROACHING WITH 'CLEANERS' IN TOW)

And we're not ready for him.

THE DOCTOR: (QUIETLY) Oh, Pex - (TO THE OTHERS) Get back quickly.

FIRE ESCAPE: But, Doctor -

THE DOCTOR: There's only one way this might work. And for that I need to be on my own.

(RELUCTANTLY THE OTHERS WITHDRAW.

PEX AND THE 'CHIEF' ADVANCE FURTHER.

SEEING THE DOCTOR ON HIS OWN, THE 'CHIEF' GESTURES TO THE CLEANERS TO STAY PUT.

THE 'CHIEF' AND PEX CONTINUE FORWARDS.

AT THE OTHER END OF THE STREET, MEL AND BIN LINER EMERGE AS FROM THE SECRET EXIT AS IN EP. 3. SC. 7.

THEY ARE JOINED BY FIRE ESCAPE AND THE DEPUTY.

ALL WATCH THE DOCTOR AS THE 'CHIEF' AND A VERY JUMPY PEX NEAR HIM)

CHIEF: Well?

THE DOCTOR: (CLEARLY IMPROVISING)
Well, well, Kroagnon, so glad you
decided to drop in. I've been
wanting to have a word with you about
the shoddy design of your building.
This door for instance. Just take a
look at it.

CHIEF: There was nothing wrong with it when I built it. Unless humanoid creatures have damaged it.

THE DOCTOR: Well, speaking as something of an expert, I'm prepared to tell the whole universe you couldn't design a simple door knob. Look. (cont...)

(THE 'CHIEF' SLOWLY APPROACHES THE DOOR.

AS HE DOES SO
THE DOCTOR PRESSES
THE SECRET LOCK
AND THE DOOR SWINGS
OPEN.

THE 'CHIEF' NEARLY FALLS BUT AT THE LAST MOMENT STOPS HIMSELF AND GRABS THE DOCTOR.

A DESPERATE STRUGGLE ENSUES ON THE EDGE OF THE BLACKNESS.

PEX THE ONLY PERSON CLOSE TO WATCHES HORRIFIED)

THE DOCTOR: (cont) Pex, Pex ...
Help me!

(PEX STANDS IRRESOLUTE THEN STARTS TO RUN.

FIRST TOWARDS THE CLEANERS BUT HE STOPS HIMSELF.

THEN TOWARDS WHERE MEL AND THE OTHERS STAND.

THE 'CHIEF' IS PROVING THE STRONGER IN THE FIGHT.

PEX IS HALF-WAY TOWARDS MEL'S GROUP SCARED OUT OF HIS WITS WHEN HE CATCHES MEL'S EYE. SHE LOOKS AT HIM REPROACHFULLY.

HE STANDS UNDECIDED FOR A MOMENT THEN HIS EYE CATCHES THE KANG LOCKET ON HIS WRIST MEL GAVE HIM.

HE PULLS HIMSELF TOGETHER AND MAKES A DECISION.

HE PULLS THE EXPLOSIVE FROM HIS BELT AND RUNS BACK TOWARDS THE DOCTOR AND THE CHIEF.

HE FORCEFULLY PUSHES THE DOCTOR ASIDE AND GRAPPLING WITH THE CHIEF FALLS WITH HIM DOWN INTO THE BLACKNESS.

THE DOCTOR INSTINCTIVELY FALLS BACK.

FROM OUT OF THE BLACKNESS A HUGE DRAMATIC EXPLOSION)

28. INT. SQUARE.

(THE KANGS HAVE BUILT A MEMORIAL SHRINE SIMILAR TO THAT SEEN IN EP.1 Sc.33. CHANTING AS BEFORE.

PROMINENT AMONG THE DEBRIS IS THE WEAPON THAT PEX HANDED OVER TO BIN LINER.

A SORROWFUL GROUP WATCHES INCLUDING MADDY, THE DEPUTY AND RED AND BLUE KANGS. MEL AND THE DOCTOR SADLY STAND BY.

BIN LINER PRESIDES OVER THE CEREMONY.)

BIN LINER: Hail Pex. Hail the unalive who gave his life for the Towers. In life he was not a Kang but in death he was brave and bold as a Kang should be.

(THE CHANTING CONTINUES)

MEL: Poor Pex ...

THE DOCTOR: Indeed, poor Pex.
But look, Mel, they are all here.
Caretakers, Rezzies, Kangs. That
would never have happened before.
Perhaps now they will all work together.

(FIRE ESCAPE AND THE BLUE KANG LEADER COME UP TO THEM)

THE DOCTOR: Well, Fire Escape, have you removed all that Kang wallscrawl from my Tardis as you promised?

FIRE ESCAPE: (NODS) Build High for Happiness, Doctor.

(SHE HOLDS UP A CAN OF DRINK FROM THE MACHINE)

THE DOCTOR: (TAKING IT) Thank you.

BLUE KANG: We are sorry you must go, Doctor. And Mel.

(THE BLUE KANG IS HOLDING OUT A BLUE SASH TO THE DOCTOR)

BLUE KANG: We have made you an Honorary Kang, Doctor.

THE DOCTOR: A Blue Kang or a Red Kang?

FIRE ESCAPE: (TURNING THE SASH OVER TO SHOW THE RED COLOUR OF THE OTHER SIDE) Both.

THE DOCTOR: (PUTTING IT ON) Then I am honoured to wear it.

(THEY LOOK TOWARDS THE SHRINE AND THE CHANTING)

THE DOCTOR: And my best wishes for the future of Paradise Towers.

(THE CHANTING GROWS. THE DOCTOR AND MEL ENTER THE TARDIS. IT DEMATERIALISES REVEALING A BRAND-NEW WALL SCRAWL. IT SHOWS A PICTURE OF PEX'S WEAPON AND A BLUE AND RED KANG SASH INTERLINKED. AND UNDERNEATH IT READS: 'PEX LIVES'.)

FADE OUT